tourists and for deploying Tourist Police. However, no specific guidelines for foreign tourists have been issued.

Serving of liquor during domestic flights

†2332. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration to serve liquor on demand to the passengers in aircrafts during domestic flights;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, whether Government intends to consider any such proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (c) A proposal has been submitted by the Federation of Indian Airlines (FIA) and other organizations. However, Government has not taken any decision in this regard.

Air services from Dehradun airport

†2333. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any date has been fixed to re-start aeroplane operation on expanded air strip of Jauljivi in Dehradun, Uttarakhand;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of airlines operating air services from this airport;

(d) whether Indian Airlines is also going to start air service on Delhi-Dehradun sector; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (c) Air Deccan has commenced morning and evening air services on Delhi-Dehradun-Delhi sector with ATR-42 aircraft w.e.f. 30th March, 2008 in addition to the non-scheduled air services which were already in operation.

(d) and (e) Operations of flights to a particular station depends upon resource availability and commercial viability. National Aviation Company of Indian Limited or its subsidiaries at present have no firm plan to operate flights on this sector.

Repatriation of foreign pilots

2334. DR. ABHISHEK MANU SINGHVI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that sudden aviation boom of past three years has resulted in hiring of trained foreign pilots;

(b) if so, how many foreign pilots are presently employed by scheduled Indian carriers;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.